

Willow MDP DEIS Comments
Bureau of Land Management
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ConocoPhillips Willow Project is the first development in the Bear Tooth Unit in the Northeast area of NPR-A on the North Slope. The Willow Project will provide up to five drill sites, a central processing facility, an operations center, gravel roads, ice roads, ice pads, one airstrip, a nearshore staging area for module transfer, pipelines and gravel mine site.

I support the development Alternative B. Alternative B provides a road connection back to the Alpine infrastructure and road connections to drill sites. Alternative B is the most effective in reducing the environmental impact by using less gravel fill, fresh water and air craft flights compared to the alternatives.

I support Option 1 on the preferred module transfer option. Distance and lack of permanent roads connecting NPR-A to other North Slope operations indicates the most viable and cost-effective solution is to build a small gravel staging area, nearshore to Atigaru Point, to unload modules from barges onto a staging area, then transport the modules via ice road during winter season to their permanent locations.

Reasoning for supporting the ConocoPhillips Willow Project:

- The project will generate new revenues for the federal government, State of Alaska, North Slope Borough and the NPR-A impact on the Mitigation Grant Fund for NPR-A communities.
- The project will bring new production and provide significant employment for Alaskans and Alaska businesses.
- ConocoPhillips has consistently proven they can operate responsibly and in an environmentally sustainable manner. ConocoPhillips has more than 40 years of North Slope experience and they are committed to protecting the environment, aquatic resources and wildlife where they operate.
- ConocoPhillips has a successful history of working with Nuiqsut and other NPR-A villages to address concerns about the potential impact of oil and gas development on their subsistence lifestyle; they work together to resolve those concerns.
- ConocoPhillips has continuously evolved over the years in developing mitigation measures and best practices required by local and federal entities; currently there are 270 mitigations measures and best practices in place for NPR-A. ConocoPhillips works closely with regulatory agencies and other interested stakeholders to design and build infrastructure that minimizes disturbance to wetlands and the unique benefits they provide.

- The Willow Project will keep TAPS viable with the increase of 100,000 BOPD, a 20% increase over current TAPS throughput.

Again, I support Alternative B and Option 1 for the development of ConocoPhillips Willow Project.

Respectfully,

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Karl Gohlke